VERMONT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Executive Committee Meeting Monday May 12, 2:30 - 4:30

Meeting Notes

- 1) Full Council Meeting agenda The agenda was discussed and it was agreed as attached below. Members will be asked to make contact with selected grantees to get a feel for their projects and to gather feedback that can be discussed at the meting and used for planning for '09. This should surface any major issues that might be pursued in more detail through a survey of recipients.
- 2) Update on the Leadership Committee Pat reported on the four overarching goals developed by the Leadership Committee and the measures that are still under discussion. The role of the Leadership committee as a committee of the WDC was discussed. It was pointed out the overlapping membership with the WDC should keep things on track. Members like the work of the committee to date. Pat explained that the next step will be to gather the first round of information from the agencies, which should begin over the summer.
- 3) Review of Workforce Legislation and Budgets: Pat explained that the Next Generation funds, which at one point were the target of significant reductions, had been restored to the Governor's requested level of \$8m. In addition, there as a another million in the waterfall fund that will become available as part of the Governor's stimulus package if revenues exceed current budgeted costs. This would be split 50/50 with the VTP. She explained that this will still mean some belt tightening because in the year ending June 30, 2008 we had two years of funds to distribute, totaling \$12m. Pat also discussed the new law that allows DoL to collect SS#s from WETF and VTP completers so that their employment and earning can be tracked over time. This will be done at low cost by linking to the existing DoL data base.
- 4) Next Steps The concept of WETF projects (short-term specific projects) vs WETF programs (longer term, multi-employer sector-based training was discussed. Kay asked about how programs would be defined and offered to draft up some ideas. The proposal is to set aside half of the WETF Training funds for this purpose. This is in response to feedback at the State House that we were not

as strategic in utilizing the WETF funds as we might be by targeting sectors that are growing and have specific training needs. The members asked for more specificity about how programs would be differentiated. Pat explained that all the Next Generation funding applications are being redrafted and new schedules established. These will be shared at the June 9 Executive Committee meeting.

5) Green Organizational Assessment - Jerry briefly described the new VCQ Green organizational assessment. Several members agreed to try it out on-line and return it with any comments.

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Spring Meeting

Thursday, June 12 2008 Woodbury College, Montpelier Vermont

- 9:00 Welcome and Review of the Agenda
 - Approval of January Minutes
- 9:20 Review of '07 Next Generation Report (handout)
 - Commissioner Pat Moulton Powden
- 9:40 Update on the work of the Workforce Leadership Committee (handout)
 - Chip Evans
 - Commissioner Pat Moulton Powden
- 10:20 Member Discussion John O'Kane
 - Member feedback on Act 46 projects in their regions or sectors
 - Training
 - Internships

- 11:00 Next Steps in Act 46 Implementation:
 - Plans and changes for '09 Pat Moulton Powden
 - Sector priorities for '09
- 12:00 WDC Meeting Adjourned
- 1:00 Department of Labor Grant Writing Technical Assistance Workshop 2:30